

Arabes&Co

Mioño, Cantabria, Spain

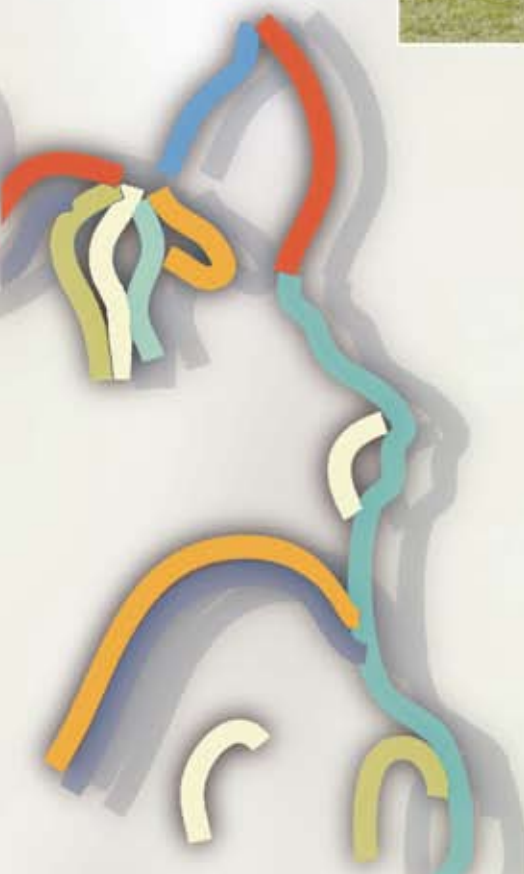
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owned by Mario Alonso Garrido, handler Bernat Tolra.
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A Lagoa Stud team and handler Bernat Tolra.
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Champion Mare DG-BINT-SANDUNGA,
owned by Mario Alonso Garrido.



Champion Colt MENCEY-RV, bred and owned by Risco de Las Vegas,
with owners David y Stan Weytjens and handler Toni Moreno.

The 18th edition of the Arabes&Co was held during the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd at the equestrian center La Gerencia show-grounds in Mioño (Cantabria, Spain). The Arabes&Co show is the most important arabian horse show in Spain that combines an ECAHO-B halter show with a Three Days Event competition. The Special Arabes&Co Trophy is awarded to that special horse who gets the highest total combined points for halter and sport.

The judges for the ECAHO-B show were Elisabeth Chat

from Austria, Marco Pittaluga from Italy and Thomas Stohler from Switzerland. Malak Benamar from Morocco, and Santiago Fernández Bermejo from Spain were the DCs, and spaniard Luis Rodríguez acted as Ring Master. This years' total entries were 74 for the show and 40 for the sport, and 28 of them also competed in the combined show and sport competition. That is a few more entries than previous years, despite the fact that some important breeders, Complutum, Ses Planes and Bautista Vich, didn't show up this year.

Adult classes

The ECAHO-B halter show started on Saturday morning, June 2nd, with the adult classes, geldings, mares and stallions, because several of these horses were to compete in the ridden classes the same afternoon already.

The first winner at the halter show was ABHA-RASMI (Alfabia-Damascus x LM-Perlamar) in the 4 to 9 years old geldings class, and he was shown by his owner and

rider Laura Farrés, followed by LAG-CAIRO (Nipkov x Maz-Margarita, owner La Gerencia). In the next class, geldings 10 years and older, Amaia Palmero's PUSKIN (Fiolek x Finkara) came in first and Carlota Cruz' ABHA-KALAHARI (El Perfecto x Cinca) was second. Later the same morning ABHA-RASMI was Gold Medal while PUSKIN got Silver and ABHA-KALAHARI Bronze at the Geldings Championship.

Next came the mares classes with some very interesting and handsome mares. XANA-FAY (Eolo-ES x Fel-



Champion Filly KOREA-EA, owned by SiR Arabians, handler Toni Moreno.



Champion Geding ABHA-RASMI, shown by owner and rider Laura Farrés.



XVIII Arabes&Co 2012 Trophy winner URKIOLA, with his breeder and owner HRH Teresa de Borbon, rider Alfonso de los Santos.



Reserve Champion Mare PIKARA, owned by La Gerencia, handler Sixto Carriedo. PIKARA also won the Females Highest Score and Best Movements.

Meizara), bred and owned by the Gala Lorenzo stud, and shown by Emilio Carriedo, won the 4 to 6 years old mares class, closely followed by belgian bred ANNA-LUCIA (Psytadel x Valentina-Bint-Mustafa) owned by Murielle Meerhout. In the 7 to 9 years old mares class the german born DG-BINT-SANDUNGA (Javier-El-Jamaal x LM-Sandunga), owned by the galician breeder Mario Alonso, was the winner unanimously, with LAG-BASSORA (Borneo x Pikara; owner La Gerencia) in second position. Sixteen years old PIKARA (Fiolek x Zoska; owner La Gerencia) showed one more year her

extreme action, skilfully handled by Sixto Carriedo, and got three 20s for movements and a grand total of 276 to win the 10 years and older mares class. PIKARA got also the special trophies for best movements senior and highest points female. In the Mares Championship the Gold Medal went to DG-BINT-SANDUNGA, Silver to PIKARA and Bronze to XANA-FAY.

The first stallions class, 4 to 6 years old, was won by the french grey SHEYK-DE-GARGASSAN (Perfect-de-Lafon x Emira-de-Gargassan), one of the last horses bred by

the late Francis Arnaud, and now owned by Isabelle Beaujean. Second place went to the very nice and refined "pure-spanish" ARMAÑAK (Fiolek x Daikiri), bred and owned by HRH Teresa de Borbón's Flor de Lis stud. ABHA-MIDAS (Marwan-al-Shaqab x CM-Faylla-Shaklan), owned by Mario Alonso, won the last stallions class, 7 years and older, by unanimity of the judges. Full unanimity also at the Stallions Championship with Champion Gold going to ABHA-MIDAS, Silver to SHEYK-DE-GARGASSAN and Bronze to ARMAÑAK.

Fillies and Colts

On sunday morning the halter show continued with the yearling fillies class where the handsome and refined SHANGHAI-EA daughter KOREA-EA (Shanghai-EA x Kudola-Kossack; owner SiR Arabians) was the first winner, followed by BIRIANI-AL-ZARAQ (Ghazzan x FSF-Princess-Marie; owner Ismael López) who made the same 271 total but got 1 point less in Movements. The french chestnut APSARA (IM-Bayard-Cathare x Hyrcana-Vanisa; owner Régine Moretto) was the winner



Reserve Champion Filly ADOS-BAHIRA,
owned by Ganaderia Laba.



Reserve Champion Gelding PUSKIN,
owned by Amaia Palmero, rider Eneko Pikabea.



Bronze Medal Stallion ARMAÑAK, owned by Flor de Lis, and winner of Arabes&Co Beginners Level, with rider Maria Aguado and handler Jan Calis.



Bronze Medal Colt IBAR-EL-JUSTICIERO, with breeder and owner Juan Pedro Mardaras and handlers Emilio and Sixto Carriedo.

of the 2 years old fillies class followed by the very nice JAMEELAH-DE-REDSUN (Abha-Qatar x Avalon-Ekzotyka; owner Elevage de La Save), shown by Delphine Graff. ADOS-BAHIRA (QR-Excel x Lia; owner Ganaderia Laba) won the next class, 3 years old fillies, closely followed by NAHILA-CHAH-NAME (Marajj x IM-Herrin-Cathard; owner Chah Name Arabians). At the Fillies Championship KOREA-EA got the Gold Medal while ADOS-BAHIRA won the Silver and APSARA the Bronze.

The truly outstanding and refined WH-JUSTICE son IBAR-EL-JUSTICIERO (WH-Justice x Abha-Katmandou), bred and owned by the Mardaras-Alberdi family, was the winner of the yearling colts class, followed by BARAJJ-AL-ZARAQ (Ghazzan x MN-Marta; owner Francisco Fernández) and COLISEUM-EA (Shanghai-EA x Creta-EA; owner García Ferrero). French LARGO-DE-SARJEVANE (MF-Aryan-EI-Thessa x Nasiriyya-de-Lam; owner Christie Galibert) won the 2 years old colts class followed by one more GHAZZAN son, the handsome black AMAAL-AL-ZARAQ (Ghazzan x

Abha-Odalisca), owned by Oscar Castañon and shown by Bernat Tolrà. And finally unanimity came back to the show-ground with the 3 years old colts where MENCEY-RV (Enzo x Morning Shadow), owned and bred by Risco de Las Vegas, from the Canary Islands, got the highest score of the show, a grand total of 278 points, with three 20s for movements. MENCEY-RV was of course Gold Medal Champion Colt and also won the special trophies for best movements junior and highest points male. Silver Medal went to LARGO-DE-SARJEVANE and Bronze to IBAR-EL-JUSTICIERO.

Arabes&Co Sport

On saturday, after the halter show, the sport competition started with the Dressage in the early afternoon, followed by the hurdle gallop competition on the beach of nearby Castro Urdiales. This seaside gallop is the first part of the real demonstration of the versatility of the purebred arabian horses.

After the show Amaia Palmero's PUSKIN, ridden by Eneko Pikabea, was leading the ranking, but after the



Bronze Medal Geldings ABHA-KALAHARI, ridden by owner Carlota Cruz.



Bronze Medal Mare XANA-FAY, owned by Gala Lorenzo, handler Emilio Carriedo.



NARYM, second prize XVIII Arabes&Co 2012,
ridden by owner Laura Farrés.

Reserve Champion Colt LARGO-DE-SARJEVANE,
owned by Christie Galibert (France).



Dressage it was URKIOLA (Pekos x Ghorak; owner Flor de Lis), ridden by Alfonso de los Santos, who took the first position, followed by NARYM (Abha-Xarif x Hulama), ridden by his owner Laura Farrés.

On sunday the sport competition continued with the cross-country trials where both URKIOLA and NARYM maintained their leading positions. In the afternoon the show-jumping didn't bring any modification and URKIOLA was confirmed as the Arabes&Co 2012 winner, followed by NARYM and PUSKIN. At Intermediate Level the Three Days Event was also won by a Flor de Lis horse, the young stallion ARMAÑAK, ridden by María Aguado, and at

Beginners Level it was again Flor de Lis who won, this time with VIZKACHA (Fiolek x Zakateka), ridden by Alfonso de los Santos. Hat Trick at the sport competition for HRH Teresa de Borbón's purebred arábians.

The 18th Arabes&Co 2012 finished with several special trophies awarded to the very best of the horses, handlers and breeders, and with the powerful final confidence that the arabian horses are wonderful show horses but at the same time very capable and versatile sport horses. And that is a fact that should never be forgotten, as the arabian horse is the grandfather of all the different sport horses breeds in the world.



Reserve Champion Stallion SHEYK-DE-GARGASSAN, owned by Isabelle Beaujean (France), handler Loic Boulay.



Bronze Medal Filly APSARA, owned by Régine Moretto (France), handler Loic Boulay.



Cantabria Three Days Event Champions 2012
NESS-REVEN and Christian Merino.



Cantabria Three Days Event Champions 2012 (Intermediate)
PERDIGON and Karmele Ruiz.



Cantabria
Three Days Event Champions 2012 (Beginners)
PETER and Julian Vinuesa.